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1. Dr. Obrun Blagojevic was born in 1912 in the village of Rudnice in the Liva district of Montenegro. His father, Todor Blagojevic, an intelligent peasant, was designated as alternate to Vasilj Brdjic, National Deputy in the Backo-Ravnik district. After the death of Brdjic, subject's father unexpectedly became a National Deputy, which increased his prestige among the peasantry although his simplicity kept him from making himself heard in Parliament and he did not run for election again.
2. Obrun Blagojevic finished primary school at Goransko (Montenegro) and attended the gymnasium. He studied law at the University of Belgrade. An only child, he gained the sympathy of Dujo Socica, who later became Dan of Zetska Banovina and who was of help to his (Blagojevic's) father. He became a Communist during the period at the gymnasium. At Belgrade University he lived at "King Alexander House" and was given a scholarship by the National Assembly, such scholarships only being given to students considered to be secure nationalists. Although he had Communist convictions during his school years, it was not noticed since there was considerable Communist activity at the University. Considered the best student in the law school, he was praised by King Alexander and respected and loved by the students.
3. Upon termination of his studies and his compulsory military service, Blagojevic obtained a job with the Central Control Office in Belgrade where several Communist students had similar posts. During this period his Communist activity became more noticeable; he was detected, dismissed from government service and arrested.
4. After having served his sentence and being released, subject received a scholarship to continue his studies in France. Obtaining his Doctorate in Law at the Sorbonne in Paris, he then returned to his country and again became a government employee with the Central Control Office, where he remained until the outbreak of war in 1941.

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5. Subject received orders from the Communist Party in 1941 to return to Montenegro. In spite of his personal courage and great accomplishments in Montenegro he was never honored by the Party.
6. Of a retiring but very ambitious nature, with a great capacity for work, he is a financial specialist. His competence in financial matters was the principal reason that Tito, as soon as he settled in Belgrade, made him Deputy Minister of Finance of Yugoslavia. Blagojevic had also been appointed Deputy to the People's Council of the Yugoslav Republic. In 1948 he was a deputy chief of the Yugoslav Finance Mission to Washington after the break between Tito and the Cominform took place. Upon the termination of this mission he stopped off in Paris on his way to Yugoslavia where he saw some of his friends.
7. An ideologically convinced Communist, he detests Western capitalism. However, at the Partisan Congress of July 1948 he was not mentioned. In the Tito-Cominform conflict, Blagojevic decided to side with the Cominform. Together with Sreten Zujevic, his personal friend, he realized Tito's Five Year Plan to be nothing but pure imagination.

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